

FREE GUNS HIT ENEMY POSITIONS

Shell Roads and Woods in Vicinity of Cantigny. Fremincourt

SKY ABLAZE WITH LIGHT

With the Americans in Picardy, May 5. The American artillery throughout the night was pounding the German positions at Cantigny, Courtenanche, Fontaine-sous-Montdidier, Meunil-St. Georges and all roads and woods in the vicinity.

Under the extremely heavy fire the Cantigny-Fremincourt wood has been torn up by high explosives. Enemy supply trains were subjected to a deluge of shells. The sky was ablaze with the light of the American artillery fire.

The boche guns replied against our rear organizations. The clearing weather has enabled excellent observations. French airplanes hover over the German lines in flocks.

The front is now a sea of mud, and conditions are similar to the early stages of the war when there were no shelters and men were living in mud holes. A heavy rainstorm drenched the American front in Lorraine and along the Meuse River in the afternoon, interfering with artillery and airplane activities.

GERMAN ACCOUNT OF LYNCHING

Tale of Prager Hanging as Published in Berlin. Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1915, by the New York Times Co. The Vossische-Zeitung learns from Switzerland that a German named Robert Prager, from Dresden, had living in Collinsville, Ill., was taken by a mob and hanged in a wood. It says Prager was accused of espionage by his neighbor because he talked German with an unknown woman in St. Louis.

LONDON BARS FOOD TALK

Clubs Put Up Signs Prohibiting Topic in Conversation. London, April 22.—The food question has reached a point when its eternal discussion has become intolerable, and many London clubs have placed signs up in their smaller sitting and smoking rooms announcing that the food question is taboo in conversation there.

BORGLUM CLAIM HELD UP

Court Refuses to Advance for Trial Action Against Butterfield Estate. New York, May 5.—Supreme Court Justice Blinn here today refused to advance for trial the claim of \$32,400, held by Gutson Borglum, sculptor, against the estate of Mrs. Julia Butterfield, on plea of executors that the trial would consume much time, and preparation must be made for the evidence of expert witnesses.



LEADS PENSION TO U. S. Mrs. Mary L. Klostermann, 122 North Tenth street, who is devoting a Government pension to the purchase of a Liberty Bond. Mrs. Klostermann is eighty-five years old. Both of her parents were born in Germany.

Casualties Among American Troops

Washington, May 5. Today's casualty list contained a total of seventy-five names, including thirteen killed in action, three missing, two deaths from accidents, three deaths from disease, thirteen wounded severely and forty-one wounded slightly.

Sergeant Joseph Stolina, previously reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner in Germany. His home is 15 Granite street, Webster, Mass. Lieutenant Edgar B. Noland, of Petersburg, Va., previously reported missing, has been located in a hospital suffering from shell shock.

Killed in Action. EGBERT WILLIAMS BEACH, lieutenant, Piedmont, Cal. ARTHUR B. GAYLORD, lieutenant, Minneapolis, Minn. FRANK S. HANE, lieutenant, Chelsea, Mass. KENNETH L. DIVER, corporal, Sunman, Ind. FRED BUCKLEY, private, Bayonne, N. J.

Died of Accident. JULIAN N. DOWELL, lieutenant, Washington, D. C. JOHN K. GRISARD, next kin, Mrs. John K. Grisard, Chicago.

Died of Disease. HENRY CONER, private, Crowville, La. T. J. SHEA, private, Fall River, Mass. JAMES SHIELDS, private, Greenville, Miss.

Wounded Severely. JOHN N. WALKER, corporal, next kin, George N. Walker, Baltimore, Md. RAYMOND C. BRYANT, private, next kin, Mrs. Carrie I. Bryant, Baltimore, Md. JOS. F. FIRTH, private, Pottsville, Pa. THOMAS R. HARRISON, private, St. Albert, Mo. ALEXANDER C. HIPES, private, next kin Mrs. Florence E. Hipes, San Francisco, Cal. HENRY C. McPHERSON, private, Greenville, Ky. CLYDE MILLARD, private, next kin Mrs. Grace Millard, Mont Peller, Indiana. JAMES K. ROSSER, private, Broadway, N. Y. DAVID A. SAUNDERS, private, Frank Durant, 3748 Erie avenue, Chicago. J. SRUTA, private, next kin, Bohos J. Sruta, Chicago. WILLIAM CHARLES VITI, private,

BERNSTORFF CODE NOW AN OPEN BOOK

Albany, N. Y., May 5. The code used by the German Foreign Office to communicate with Count Johann von Bernstorff when he was directing German activities in the United States is now an open book in the possession of the Government.

Through the efforts of Attorney General Merton E. Lewis, of New York, who conducted the investigation which led to the execution of Bolo Pasha in Paris for treason, the von Bernstorff code has been deciphered, reconstructed and turned over to the Federal authorities.

In addition to the code, Attorney General Lewis has furnished the Washington authorities with a complete index of names and subjects involved in the investigation of the Hugo Schmidt Deutsches Bank negotiations; a summary of the inquiry made into the activities of German agents and the special report on remittances to the Kaiser's foreign office to South American countries to defray German propaganda expenses.

The deciphered code is the one used by Hugo Schmidt, who was paymaster in this country of the German Foreign Office and which he attempted to destroy by burning the original copy in the Deutsches Verein (German Club) in New York city when he became embroiled in the investigation of Bolo Pasha's activities by the Attorney General. When his name was linked with that of the man recently executed by the French Government Schmidt went to the German club which the Kaiser's agents visited.

Pragmatic evidence of the code, however, was discovered in Schmidt's office. This enabled Deputy General Alfred T. Becker to reconstruct the code. From thousands of wireless messages in Schmidt's office which were duplicated at Sayville and Tuckerton wireless stations, Attorney General Lewis deciphered the code.

Schmidt, it was found, had made it a practice to write letters to confirm wireless messages sent from branches of the Deutsche Bank in South America, and there was no censorship at the time. This aided Lewis.

Schmidt's name in code was "Sidney Pickford." Bolo Pasha was "Stregis," Captain Boy-Ed was "Richard and Houston," and Von Papen, "Thomas Hoggson."

PRUSSIAN DIET CAUSES CRISIS

Rejects Manhood Suffrage Bill. Kaiser Back in Potsdam. Amsterdam, May 5.—The Kaiser's return to Potsdam from Great Headquarters was due to the crisis resulting from the rejection of the manhood suffrage bill by the Prussian Diet, said advices from Berlin today.

RUMANIA GIVES UP DOBRUDJA

Cedes South in Treaty—Commission to Rule North. Zurich, May 5.—The peace treaty just signed by Rumania with the Central Powers provides for the ceding of southern Dobruja to Bulgaria and the ruling of northern Dobruja by a special joint commission pending final settlement.

WAR CROSS FOR 6 YANKEES

Decorated for Gallantry on Battlefield in Picardy. With the Americans in Picardy, May 5.—Six more Americans have been decorated with the croix de guerre. They are: Captain Sydney Graves, lieutenant Paul Daly, Sergeants W. E. Connel and H. E. Webb, and Privates E. F. Bennet and J. A. Mendenhall.

Bennet, a motorcycle courier, drove through two enemy barrages to carry out a mission. Connel and Mendenhall, members of the signal corps, maintained telephone communications with the rear during a gas attack despite a heavy bombardment. The others were cited for gallantry and efficiency in petroleum.

Graves is a son of Brigadier General Graves, of the National Army.

SHAKE-UP IN ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT URGED

Civilian Chief Suggested as Means of Speeding Production. Washington, May 5. Appointment of a civilian head of the Ordnance Department is being strongly urged in many quarters.

Coincident with a thorough though rather quiet investigation, Secretary of War Baker is making into the Ordnance Department the demand for "a Schwab" to "pump up" Ordnance production is increasing.

General Williams, rated high as an Ordnance expert, has taken hold of the department, while General Wheeler, former head, is now in Europe. The situation confronting Williams is admittedly none too good.

Without attempting to preclude Williams' merit, which is considered high, proponents of the civilian head idea point out that the Ordnance question at present is essentially one of production—a vast enterprise for which a certain industry would be better fitted by experience than would a military man.

Those urging the appointment of a civilian chief say there is a big function for the military in the Ordnance situation, but that it lies in distribution to the forces in the field rather than in getting vast production quickly and efficiently.

Virtually every phase of Ordnance production aside from machine guns and rifles and some forms of ammunition is a source of worry to men directly connected with the task. And the machine-gun problem, just now troubling out, has been one of striking delays.

In the Ordnance corps as now constituted the chief has three assistants responsible for various phases of work. Anything might go through these three to get to the chief, and any subordinate, no matter how competent, would risk court-martial were he to "go over" the heads of the men above. Appointment of a civilian might not altogether remedy this situation, it is declared.

At present it is difficult to chart in definite figures just where the Ordnance situation stands. Secretary Baker confesses he does not know where the machine-gun matter stands. And the policy of silence covering many phases of war work has kept Ordnance—like airplanes—from public notice most of the time until now, when reorganization and investigation are becoming the popular watchwords.

INTERMITTENTI AZIONI AL FRONTE ITALIANO

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Roma, 5 maggio. Dispari giunti dal Quartier Generale italiano recano che in parecchi punti della fronte di battaglia le pattuglie e i reparti italiani d'incursione hanno disperso gruppi e pattuglie nemiche. Le batterie avversarie effettuarono intermittenti azioni, ad eccezione di un fuoco di molestia abbastanza intenso contro le case e linee nella Valle del Brenta.

L'artiglieria italiana effettuò fuochi concentrati contro truppe nemiche a sud di Sisson. Una grande attività continuò da parte degli aviatori ed inglesi e questi ultimi riuscirono ad abbattere tre macchine aeronautiche e bombardarono l'area retrostante alla posizione nemica tra l'Asio e il Brenta.

In vari punti della fronte gli italiani hanno disperso pattuglie di truppe nemiche. Le azioni nelle loro operazioni, ad eccezione di un fuoco di molestia contro le linee e le case nella Valle del Brenta. L'artiglieria italiana concentrò il suo tiro contro truppe nemiche a sud di Sisson. Gli aviatori inglesi abbatterono tre macchine aeronautiche.

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Il generale Corvi, uno dei più apprezzati critici militari italiani, scrive sul giornale "La Tribuna" di Roma che una delle prove più sicure che i tedeschi sono stati completamente arrestati al fronte occidentale, è il fatto della presenza di truppe nemiche in posizioni avanzate. Quando effettuarono i giganteschi sforzi a sud ed a nord di Ypres, i tedeschi non sono stati capaci di conseguire nuovi successi. Essi da quaranta giorni hanno lanciato la grande offensiva in tutte le direzioni.

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